

May 25, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

In reference to AT&T's proposal to merge with T-Mobile USA, which is under review in the Commission's 11-65 docket:

I am a longtime resident of the state of Kentucky. I've been fortunate to serve my state and its people as mayor of Owensboro, as chair of the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, as co-founder of Leadership Kentucky, and as chair of the Kentucky Center for Public Issues, and currently, as President and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. I have gladly used my energies and skills to advance Kentucky, its people, and its businesses. I'm writing to you today to point out that you have an opportunity to advance the state, businesses, and people of Kentucky, as well as those of the entire nation.

It's my carefully considered opinion that the proposed merger between T-Mobile and AT&T would be of tremendous benefit to the current and future business community of Kentucky. Increased availability of high-speed Internet service would help bring Kentucky businesses, particularly smaller businesses, into the 21st century. Additionally, this technological capability would serve as a gateway to the global marketplace.

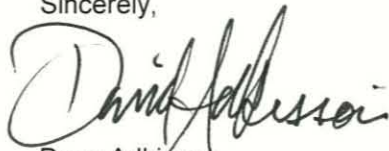
At the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, we represent more than 2,700 member businesses of all sizes and in virtually every industry in the state. We all share a vested interest in enhancing Kentucky's ability to compete on a national and global scale, and high-speed wireless Internet service would make this possible. It's impossible not to feel optimistic about the opportunities that increased access would bring to businesses: the ability to sell online, connect with and attract customers from all over the world, and buy rare or specialized merchandise and supplies would all be possible. The process of hiring and training employees as well as the ability to manage inventory and finances would be streamlined, and a reliable and fast mobile network would allow for these tasks to be completed on the go. Some businesses in some areas of Kentucky currently enjoy these advances in communications technology and have been able to grow accordingly, and the impact that near-universal access, which this merger would bring to the entire country, would be significant.

The improved access, speed, and reliability that this merger will bring to Kentucky's businesses will benefit the people and communities here, too. High-speed broadband will bring opportunities—professional and educational, among others—to nearly every business and household in Kentucky and to practically every corner of the state. Access to this technology and the potential it brings would truly be just the beginning.

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These possibilities have created an exciting time for the businesses and the people of Kentucky. You have the chance to extend and enhance these possibilities and opportunities, and I hope you will. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Adkisson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D".

Dave Adkisson
President & CEO
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

CC:
Commissioner Michael Copps
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